GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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FUNDS FOR WATER HARVESTING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been earmarked for the State Governments for taking up water harvesting scheme under Accelerated Rural Water Supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines on sustainability of drinking water conservation, rain water harvesting and ground water recharge;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir, the Government of India has earmarked funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for the Sub-mission on sustainability including rain water harvesting. As per the existing guidelines, schemes or projects can be taken up under Sub-Mission on sustainability under ARWSP.State Governments have been delegated powers to utilise upto 25% of 20% of ARWSP fund for the Sustainability Sub-Mission projects.Further, under PMGY - Rural Drinking Water component, provisions have been made to utilise minimum 25% of the funds on schemes or projects on water conservation, water harvesting, water recharge and sustainability of drinking water sources in respect of DDP/ DPAP areas, over-exploited, dark/ grey blocks and other water stressed/ drought affected areas.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines for implementation of Schemes and Projects on Sustainability under ARWSP and Rural Drinking Water component of PMGYAppeals have also been made to Hon`ble Members of Parliament to take up projects to augment the drinking water supply/ groundwater recharge like rainwater harvesting, etc., under MPs Local Area Development Programme

(e) In the Conference of State Ministers incharge of Rural Drinking Water Supplyheld on 19th and 20th October, 2001 for reviewing the progress of implementation of schemes under ARWSP and PMGY (Rural Drinking Water), there was a consensus on the need and urgency for taking up more number of schemes under Sub-Mission on Sustainability by utilising the funds earmarked under ARWSP and PMGY (Rural Drinking Water) in view of the recurring water scarcity situation in the country.